

give you an instance : I had sent him a letter from my friend at Buffalo, in which he gave some rather alarming information, as to the general feeling of the people in that quarter, and that a great number of Yankees and fugitive rebels were actually under arms. At the time this letter came, the affairs at home also wore a very gloomy aspect.

I received a card requesting that I would immediately wait on the Governor. I did so, and was ushered into his own room, where I found him alone evidently in a state of great excitement. He expressed thanks for , having come so early, and then commenced a long discourse on the fearful state of the Country, and the very trying situation he was placed in, and having by the very rapid manner in which he had delivered this long harangue, completely exhausted himself, he said, "Mr. Ferrie, I think this is all I have to say to you." I made my bow and retired, wondering why he sent for me.

When he was going away, a set of silly puppies calling themselves the Doric Club, chose to issue a mandate that all the inhabitants of Montreal, should on a certain night, illuminate their houses, under the penalty of their high displeasure. A great majority of the inhabitants thought this compliment to Sir John, quite uncalled for, and the order as proceeding from a very improper source, decided they would not obey. When the night came, the Dorics traversed the streets calling on the people to illuminate or they would smash their windows, and they put their threat into execution, which terrified the people to comply. I and a few others would not be coerced to do this. Some of my windows and green blinds were broken, but I held out. They collected a lot of material before my door and made a great bonfire. I took no notice of all this, which increased their wrath to such a pitch that, that night, they tried in various ways to burn my house down. Our Tory newspapers could not be got to take any notice of their gross outrages.

I had nothing very particular to do with any of the Governors after this, till the Earl of Durham came here. When I was introduced to him, he repeated my name, and seeming to think for a while, he asked me if I was the Adam Ferrie of Glasgow, who took such a prominent part in the cause of reform from the commencement of the century until it was carried in Parliament. When I told him I was, he said he was then very young, but the accounts given in some of the newspapers of the persecutions which I sustained in consequence of my politics, made a strong impression on his young mind, the more so because he thought I was right. I then informed him that I had travelled all the way to Durham to attend the great Reform meeting there, when he made his maiden speech, which was heard with such great applause, and made him ever after looked up to as one of our great leaders. I afterwards had a private interview with him, when he got me to give, in confidence, my opinion of various public individuals. At his request, I made out a very long report, which he very kindly acknowledged. I was very much with his Chief Secretary, Charles Buller. Before the Governor left for Britain, he sent for me, and said he wished to thank me personally for the services I had